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BROADCAST OF PRC SYMPHONY IN TAIWAN

1. ON 2 FEB 1974, AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK TAIWAN

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BROADCAST AN HOUR-LONG PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA CONCERT

(RU 29-4 PROGRAM NO. 156) NETWORK WIDE AT 2005 ON FM AND AT 1405 THE FOLLOWING DAY ON AM. THE PROGRAM CONTAINED WORKS BY WAGNER, SCHUMANN AND A PIECE ENTITLED "THE YELLOW RIVER CONCERTO" WRITTEN BY "THE CENTRAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

2. THE RADIO ROUNDUP SYNOPSIS ACCOMPANYING THE PROGRAM REFERRED ONLY TO THE TITLE OF THE PRC MUSIC, WITH NO REFERENCE TO ITS ORIGIN. PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL WITH THE PROGRAM DID IDENTIFY THE COMPOSERS, HOWEVER LOCAL AFNT PERSONNEL DO NOT NORMALLY USE THE PROMOS AND THEY WERE NOT REVIEWED IN THIS CASE.

3. LOCAL AP BUREAU CHIEF CONTACTED USTDC PAO ON 5 FEB AND ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY GRC REACTION TO THE INCIDENT. AFTER CHECKING WITH EMBASSY, PAO REPLIED THAT NO REACTION HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING. AP BUREAU CHIEF SAID THAT, IN THAT CASE, HE CONSIDERED INCIDENT A DEAD ISSUE AND WOULD NOT FILE.

4. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY CHINA NEWS OF 6 FEB CARRIED LETTER TO THE EDITOR COMPLAINING ABOUT BROADCAST. TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE AFNT SHOCKS TAIPEI AIR; DEAR EDITOR: IT WAS A TERRIBLE SHOCK TO THE PEOPLE IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA THAT THE U.S. ARMED FORCES RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICES, IN ITS STEREO MUSIC PROGRAM, INTRODUCED A SYMPHONY COMPOSED BY A CHINESE COMMUNIST MUSICIAN IN THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 2, 1974. IT ALSO GAVE A MOST FLATTERING AND SICKENING INTRODUCTION TO THE COMPOSER OVER THE AIR OF FREE CHINA. WE PROTEST AGAINST THIS INCIDENT SIMPLY BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE SO-CALLED "DETENTE" BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FREE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. WE HOPE IT WILL NOT HAPPEN EVER AGAIN. SINCERELY, NORMAN TSAI. THE MUSIC IN QUESTION IS ENTITLED CONCERTO FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA "THE YELLOW RIVER."--ED. UNQUOTE.

5. IN THE PAST, AFRTS-LA HAS SENT SPECIAL MESSAGES TO AFNT FLAGGING QUESTIONABLE OR SENSITIVE MATERIAL. THE ABSENCE OF SUCH AN ALERT IN THIS CASE IN NO WAY RELIEVES LOCAL AFNT UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONNEL OF THEIR PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCREENING PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL SENSITIVITIES. HOWEVER, IT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST THEM IN THE FUTURE TO HAVE AFRTS-LA PERSONNEL ALERT TO THE PARTICULAR SENSITIVITIES PRESENT IN TAIWAN, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO THE PRC. LOCAL SCREENING AT AFNT WILL BE INCREASED TO ENSURE NO REPETITION OF THIS INCIDENT.

6. DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. FREDRICK CHIEN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE, INDICATE HIS COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM. HE APPEARED ANXIOUS TO PRECLUDE ANY GREATER PRESS COMMENT BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT TO DO SO.

7. WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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